--- 1/4 lb. on 1/2 Pound - CANADA LEAF ONLY - Quebec Division - 238 x 20 mm. ---

--- "Series of 1880-81" - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- Lithographed in GREEN on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls ---

--- RP-422 - perforated 12 - inscribed *G. La Rue / Collector* **- scanned at 67% scale - *unlisted* ---**

Chris Ryan reports that *G. La Rue* replaced *J. E. Fortier* as Collector at Quebec on February 16th 1878.

Chris Ryan reports in the "Canadian Revenue Newsletter" of March 2003, that in anticipation of the Act of 1883 the Revenue Department, on January 13th 1883, instructed BABN not to print any new supplies of the soon to be supplanted 1880-81 strips, unless specially authorized to do so. On July 1st 1883 the Department declared that the 1/20th, 1/10th and 2 pound green strips were *obsolete*.

The catalogue lists the **1/4 lb.** overprint on the 1/2 pound Quebec Division CANADA LEAF ONLY strip as follows:

RP-422 - **1/4 lb.** on 1/2 pound, green, perforated 12, Quebec Division, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove

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--- the highest control number on the 1/4 lb. overprint of the 1/2 lb. Quebec Division - as recorded to date ---

1/4 lb. on 1/2 pound, Quebec Division - **020006** a single copy

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RP-422 - **1/4 lb.** on 1/2 pound, green, perforated 12, Quebec Division, control number **020006**
Lithographed on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove - stamped **CANCELLED**

020006★ **RP-422** **1/4 lb.** on 1/2 pound, perf 12, *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove, Stamped **CANCELLED**

It is difficult to determine, on the basis of a single strip, whether the above was control numbered in the 1/2 pound Quebec Division sequence prior to the overprinting, or if the overprint was made on virgin *control-free* sheets of **RP-133**, and the controls now read in the overprinted 1/4th pound sequence. I suspect that the latter is true.

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